

Bolivar Bulletin.

Local Affairs.

For the purpose of the Bulletin, the following are the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various committees for the purpose of collecting and giving receipts for the same.

NOTICE.

Messrs. CLEMENTS & BENT are heretofore appointed agents in Memphis to sell the advertisement for the Bulletin, and are also authorized to collect and give receipts therefor in our name.

MILLER & PARRISH.

An Incident of the Late War.

During the memorable siege of Atlanta many strange as well as amusing incidents occurred, some of which have found their way into the public prints, the greater majority of which, however, remain "unheard-of and unseen." By way of adding to those already brought to light, we propose to jot down an event which actually transpired in one of the hotels of the "key city of the South" while the merciless missiles of death were falling thick and fast upon the beleaguered ranks that composed the heroic army of General Hood. The hero of the incident, who was no less a personage than Col. Lem. McC., of Middle Tennessee, has been gathered to the bosom of his fathers, leaving none behind him but those who cherish his manliness and undaunted courage.

A few evenings before the fall of the city, Col. McC., at a late hour, (his regiment having been relieved from their excessive duties,) was sitting in the public room of the hotel, earnestly meditating upon the momentous events that transpired, and being greatly fatigued, and somewhat "bothered in his mind," he naturally enough longed for a glass of Old Bourbon, as he had always been accustomed to the "good thing of this life," and, accordingly, for him, his financial condition at that particular time was such as not to admit of his paying a ten-dollar bill for the desired draught, so his only alternative was to abide his time, and if an opportunity should present itself, make the best of it. Suddenly the room was entered by a Major General and his entire staff, who had been sent out West, and who were then on their way to Richmond. The accommodating clerk presented the "register," and, after the Major General, each of his staff signed in regular order, taking particular pains to affix rank and full name. As the last of the party dropped the pen from his hand, a comrade stepped up to him and said:

"Have all registered?"

"Yes," was the instant reply.

"Well," said the first speaker, "fellows, let's all take a drink," and as he said so he began pulling his well-stuffed haversack to the front, ready for action. These articles of their equipment had become objects of "immense" attraction to our hero, when they first entered the room, as each one bore marked evidence of containing more than "pinkies," "parched corn," or whatever might have been issued to them "in lieu of beer," at the last commissary post, and so "well" bet Col. McC. went into his military way with characteristic vigilance, etc., on them with the most intense interest. His eager eye caught the tones of the last speaker, and a bright hope flashed through his mind, and as "well" bet Col. McC. was simultaneously responded by the party, Col. McC., summoning all the dignity possible, arose from his seat and approached the gentleman who had proposed "a drink," and said:

"Major, excuse me for intruding: I wish to speak a few words with you."

"Certainly, Colonel; I always yield the right of way to those who outrank me; proceed."

"Major," said the Colonel, "my name is John William Smith; my mother and father named me John William Smith; all my uncles and aunts call me John William Smith; on the fourth page of the old Family Bible my name is recorded, and it is John William Smith; all my relations, and all my acquaintances know me as John William Smith; and amid all the vicissitudes of this life nothing has occurred that has marred the impression that my name is John William Smith; but when I hear a man say 'fellows, let's take a drink,' and me in 'h—' if I don't think my name's 'fellows'!"

The Colonel never lacked for refreshments during the stay of the Major General and his jovial staff.

THE FARMER.—Since the publication of Mr. Ussery's circular through the columns of the Bulletin, to the freedmen of this county both he and his assistant, Mr. Fowles, have been kept constantly employed in arranging contracts and furnishing laborers to the planters for the present year, the supply, however, is not equal to the demand, as the owners of the soil are exhibiting a commendable spirit, which must, in the end, prove highly profitable to them. Now that Christmas has come and gone, and no division of land has been made among the freedmen, a marked and plainly perceptible change is noticed in their conduct and they are beginning to realize the stubborn fact that they have to earn their bread by the sweat of the brow, and are rapidly returning to the neglected fields which formerly yielded so abundantly under their well directed efforts. As the hours of their new found liberty comes creeping noiselessly on they are awaking from foolish dreams and groundless hopes and are preparing to take up again the old familiar hoe or follow in the wake of the indispensable turning plow. The contracts made by them are biding, and extend throughout the year: are satisfactory alike to all concerned, and we might say, almost liberal to a fault, on the part of the employer, for, in the great majority of cases he furnishes the lands, tenements, fuel, stock and farming implements and gives to the employee one half of the entire crop, the latter of course, to furnish his own food, clothing and medical attendance; again the employer furnishes everything but clothing and medical attendance and gives to the employee one-third of the entire crop; this arrangement is made only with the best class hands, and can be taken as a fair criterion for all minor or subordinate contracts that are made. There can be no excuse for twaddling or make-believe philanthropists interfering now, as the negro, in all conscience, has emphatically the best of the bargain, and if he will only do his duty and conform to the obligations of his contract, and not invariably come out the winner in the

long run. With regard to the simplest obligations upon their shoulders, no financial or political combinations to wrestle with, they have their welfare committed to their own keeping, not through the individual or united action of themselves, but a questionable policy in which they had no voice whatever, and must of themselves, as President Johnson says, solve the problem that has been thrust upon the intelligence of the nineteenth century. Ninety-nine one hundredths of the negroes of the South do not nor ever have to own the responsibility of a written contract, and it will be a singular freak of nature should no obligations be violated on their part during the present year, although it is plainly to be seen that they have the best of the bargain so far as this section is concerned. A disposition has been plainly exhibited and persistently indulged by them in a desire to change places, which, we think, will result unfavorably, for the freedom of to-day could certainly, in the great majority of cases, get along much better with his old master than he can at his newly selected home; time, however, will prove all this, and in the meantime we can but hope for the best.

As you have OPPORTUNITY.—Our citizens are called to discharge a duty to-day of no ordinary character, but one of interest to every man, woman or child within the corporate limits of our thriving little city, and which, if properly performed, must result in great good to the miserable and long neglected streets which all of us are compelled to traverse, often half boot-leg deep in mud and water.

The selecting of men to fill municipal office should be done with a keen eye to their fitness for the position, and a good assurance that they possess the proper qualifications and energy to look after the interests of those who place them there. If ever a corporation needed working men at the head of its affairs this one of Bolivar is that self same thing. Improvements are needed. Let a living, breathing and prosperous community come out and attend to this matter and select the best material among us for city fathers.

We learn that the services of Col. R. H. Wood and Maj. J. B. Dennis have been secured by the County in its claims against the Government for losses sustained by the wanton conduct of U. S. troops who burnt the court house in this city during the war. This matter could not have been placed in better hands. We hope success may crown their efforts, for we need a respectable edifice to dispense justice in.

The merchants of Bolivar done a heavy business during the holidays, their respective cash sales amounting daily from four or five hundred up to vastly over one thousand dollars. It puzzles our business men to keep a full supply of goods and wares on hand; money is abundant and planters and farmers show no disposition to stint themselves, but deal liberally, almost to a fault. Memphis wholesale merchants should nourish the trade they are receiving from this populous and wealthy county, for it is an indisputable fact that the people of Hardeman are good farmers and have the means as well as the disposition to meet any and all obligations that may be entered into by them. Formerly a vast amount of business was done by our citizens in St. Louis and Louisville, but now those places are cut off from us, and Memphis is reaping the harvest, and her merchants should continue so to do.

Editor of the Bolivar Bulletin.

Sir: We need a Mayor who will repair our streets and sidewalks, irrespective of Third Streets, Andy Johnson and East Tennessee. Let our citizens vote for Frank Pentecost, Esq. and Bolivar will be all right on the reconstruction question.

January 3d, 1866. JESKINS.

FRESH AND GOOD.—Our readers, as a matter of course, have read the advertisement of Mrs. Black and Moore, and patronized them. Our word for it, they "out-Herod Herod himself." Just to think of it—why, they feed you on good things until you get sick, and then feed you on bad things until you get well! What's to be done? Answer, some one, fit "ye local" propoeth nothing, unless it be in the way of an admonition for you to go and do as he and his friends have—buy your groceries of these old "stand-bys," and get some genuine "phlegm" for "di old woman" and the balance of the "childer." Call and see them, and our young friend Tom Crawford—you will be treated well.

When you are in Memphis, drop in at the mammoth hardware house of Orgill Bros. & Co., corner of Monroe and Front Streets. They have constantly on hand a large and varied assortment of farming implements, machinery, iron, nails, belting, blacksmith's tools, cutlery, house-furnishing goods, guns, ammunition, fishing tackle, etc., in fact, everything usually kept in a first class establishment. Their past success and strict attention to business is a sure guarantee that the best of terms will be offered to those who patronize their house. Buy from them.

CORCORAN.—Send your cotton to Fowles & Steffey, 33 Jefferson street, Memphis, if you desire the cream of the market, for they are heavy dealers and keep posted in commercial affairs. They do a general commission business.

Now is the TIME.—Mr. Adams, of the house of Adams, Nielson & Co., informs us that they have selected a lot of superior rifles and shot guns, especially adapted to the wants of this section, and are determined to close them out at a small advance on cost prices. Now is your time. Go and see for yourself. As for our part we are willing to risk Mr. Adams' judgment in selecting guns, for he is a considerable "Nimrod" of himself, no matter if he didn't climb a tree at the late barbecue. Go and get your gun and be ready for the next "set to" for there is no telling who will get in the wagon on the "second whirl."

The steamer Ellwood came up to the Bolivar landing last Tuesday morning, being the first arrival of the kind since the Memphis and Ohio Railroad Company placed its bridge over the Hatchie several years ago.

Mercants visiting Memphis would do well to call at the magnificent store of A. E. Franklin, Jefferson Block, Second street. He can supply them at New York prices with boots, shoes, hats, hosiery, notions, etc.

The Freedmen—Interesting Correspondence.

The following correspondence, while written with reference to its bearing on one locality, is of a character to suggest the propriety of publishing it, as the response covers a wide latitude, being general in its application. We quote the same of the local agent who addresses General Fisk:

Brig Gen. C. B. Fisk—Dear Sir: As I have seen no law upon which I can be guided in certain cases, you will excuse me for asking you the following questions.

First.—When a white man is justly owing a freedman for work and labor done, and I give judgment against him for the same and he refuses to pay, what shall be my course to enforce the same?

Secondly.—Where a white man is fined by me for cruelly beating a freedman, and he refuses to pay said fine, what shall be my course to enforce the same?

Thirdly.—Where a person is owing a freedman for work done, and I order him to appear before me and he refuses to obey the summons, what shall be my course?

Fourthly.—When negroes are coming in possession of arms, what shall be my course?

Fifthly.—Are there any cases in which you would suffer a freedman to be whipped?

Sixthly.—What shall I do with negroes who are raving about over the country, corrupting other negroes, and cannot be controlled? We have a few such among us. Your early attention to the above interrogations is respectfully requested.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, Nashville, Tenn., December 13, 1865.—Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 13th, and to reply as follows:

Question: What shall be my course to enforce a judgment for debt?

Answer: You will, after giving reasonable time, seize and sell the debtor's property.

Q. When a white man is fined for beating a freedman and he refuses to pay the fine how shall I enforce payment?

A. Hold him in arrest until he pays it; and if he will not pay him in jail.

Q. When I order a white man to appear to answer a claim for debt due a freedman and he refuses to appear, what am I to do?

A. You will arrest and fine him for contempt.

Q. What about carrying fire arms?

A. Treat every one alike. You cannot disarm the negroes when white men of every class are allowed to carry arms.

Q. What about whipping as a punishment for crime?

A. Not let the lash be laid aside forever. All civilized nations have discarded it. It is a well known disgrace the American name. Should any one attempt to use it on any of his laborers in your county you will punish it severely.

Q. What shall I do with roving and vagrant negroes?

A. Treat them just as the law treats white vagrants. Let freedmen know that you are the friend and protector of the industrious, but the enemy and punisher of the dishonest and vagrant.

Q. You may ask: How am I to obtain officers to enforce my orders? Select civil officers in the county if you can find such as will enforce your processes; if not, appoint officers from among civilians. If you cannot find any apply for military aid. You are in the service of the United States, and its whole power is pledged to sustain you in the discharge of your duty.—I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

CLINTON B. FISK.

Brv. Maj. Gen. and Asst. Com. for Kentucky and Tennessee.

We are desired to request Mr. James C. Fleming to submit his name for Alderman.

General Quits says he wants 12 negroes to run for Alderman. He'll be elected sure.

The communication of "W" will appear in our next issue.

O, HOW BEAUTIFUL.—This is the exclamation of all who enter the complete and well filled store of Fleming, Ussery & Co., as their eyes are dazzled by the array of choice and seasonable goods there to be seen.

Ladies, you can get any desirable article at this popular establishment, provided it's not a husband, for we heard our right-hand bower, and he's the Devil you know—say that every one there was constantly engaged. However, there is no telling what may happen, but of one thing we are assured, and that is, the attentive salesmen of the house will do their utmost to please and give you the fairest of bargains.

W. C. Potter, dealer in drugs, medicines, notions, fancy articles, perfumery, etc., is offering great inducements to purchasers.

When you are in Memphis, it would pay to make him a visit, as he is a true merchant and most amiable gentleman. His house is on Jefferson street, south side, between Second and Third, near the theatre.

See the advertisement of Chandler & Co., wholesale and retail druggists.

CLARK'S MARBLE BLOCK.—Almost every one in the western district knows the location of this beautiful structure, but even its beauty is lost sight of as you step into the establishment of J. H. Waggoner & Co., and view the splendor of their assortment of rich foreign and domestic dress goods for gentlemen's wear. There you can find every thing conceivable in the clothing and furnishing line. They are the leaders of the fashion and sell at reasonably low figures. Remember the marble block, corner of Main and Madison streets, Memphis.

MEET HI DADY IN THE MORNING.—No matter whether you meet Hi Dady or any one else—don't let any thing stop you from calling in at Warr & Rodgers and filling your bill. They have dry goods, groceries, confectionaries, besides, hardware, cutlery, and a thousand and one useful articles.

Elson & Co. have stood a heavy "run" during the holidays, yet they can furnish any article found in a first class dry goods or clothing house. Captain Harris is one of the attaches of the establishment.

For all kinds of fancy and staple groceries call on Bills & Hill. You can get Revenue stamps there also.

"HE GOES IT ALONE."—If not on a full hand, he does it on a full house. Mr. L. Owens has purchased the interest of Mr. Coats in the Brilliant, and is daily catering to the public. He has a fine stock on hand.

The County Court met on last Monday, J. H. Bills presiding, and prosecuted their labors until a large amount of important business was transacted.

Joseph Lory, in the Commercial hotel building, Memphis, is still holding his own beautifully. He is an artist of the first water and has no superiors in the tonorial line. For a clean shave or hair-cut ala mode call on Lory.

G. H. Hood & Co., at their established stands, Nos. 40 Monroe street and 361 Main street, Memphis, are prepared to fill orders for stoves, grates, oil lamps, tin, zinc, lead, paints, and a host of other useful articles. The energy and good business qualities of this firm need no eulogy from us: they are inferior to none, and ever strive to please their customers both as to price and quality.

R. C. Gist, postmaster at Memphis, can supply you with Revenue Stamps of all denominations and in any quantity.

FRANK—Megibben Brothers, those celebrated rectifiers and distillers of pure liquors, are located on Monroe street between Main and Second, north side, Memphis. Our old "Jonnie" friend, Col. Ed. Dyer, is with them and would be glad to see any of his many former comrades and acquaintances. They deal in all brands of genuine Wines, Brandy, Liqueurs, etc.

At No. 26 Madison street, Memphis, between Main and Front, north side, you can find those well posted and successful Claim Agents and Attorneys, Messrs. Bras & Hudson. They possess all the requisites needed in their profession and prosecute claims in a commendable spirit. If you want your business properly attended to secure their services.

Nolin Volin will please accept Quartz's thanks for bona fide Christmas favors.

The M. C. R. R. bridge over the Yallobusha river was completed yesterday.

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